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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF AFGHANISTAN WOMEN'S DORMITORY

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OVERVIEW

To develop Afghanistan's higher education sector, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) established the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF) in 2006 in Kabul. To encourage increased female attendance at AUAF, USAID constructed a new dormitory through its Promote Gender Equity and Women's Empowerment program.

This three-story, 3,000 square meter dormitory will house 200 female students at AUAF, giving priority placement to women from outside of the capital. The dormitory complies with the International Building Code, and it includes study areas, lounge areas, and an administration room. Fifteen recent female engineering graduates from Kabul University participated in the project as interns, receiving on-the-job training during the design and construction of the dormitory.

ACTIVITIES

- Finalized architectural and engineering designs.
- Completed structural work.
- Interiors fully finished, including the electrical system, communication, plumbing, the fire alarm and sprinklers, and the heating and ventilation systems.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Build a safe and secure living and learning environment for Afghanistan's next generation of female leaders.
- Empower women through equal employment opportunities that contribute to Afghanistan's economic growth.
- Implement an internship program that gives female engineers the requisite skills and experience to succeed in critically needed professions.

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